

SITUATION REPORT NO. 32
INCIDENT NO. 2000-016
DATE: October 12, 2000 TIME: 12:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Flooding, ground saturation and storms.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
STATE: No change from previous reports.
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: An Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team made up of federal and state (tribal) agency representatives will meet October 27 to discuss potential funding leverage options for proposed hazard mitigation projects not funded through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The State Hazard Mitigation Team met last month to review and prioritize 30 applications totaling over \$30 million; 14 projects were selected to receive \$6.8 million in HMGP funding, which is currently available.

A State Flood Coordination Center meeting, conducted by North Dakota Emergency Management, will be held at 1:30 p.m. October 19 at the Ramsey County Courthouse. Participants will review the impact that Devils Lake's continued high levels have had on facilities and services under local, state and federal responsibility. They will also review potential problems that could arise if flooding continues next year.

Federal and state disaster assistance for FEMA-DR-1334-ND has topped \$50 million.

As of October 11, Job Service North Dakota received 5,449 claims and paid \$6,727,261 in Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits to farmers, ranchers, farm workers, migrant workers and other self-employed individuals who have lost income because of disaster conditions. While the application period has ended, Job Service will process claims through December 30. Applicants are eligible for benefits for the period April 9 through December 30.

The Public Assistance Program has approved 151 eligible requests for public assistance from local governments, state agencies and private non-profit organizations. As of October 11, about \$15 million has been obligated to applicants.

A total of 9,572 North Dakotans registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Teleregistration Center for individual assistance programs.

- The Disaster Housing Program has received 8,023 applications. To date, FEMA has paid \$14.5 million in housing benefits.
- The Individual and Family Grant Program, administered by North Dakota Emergency Management, has approved 1,743 applications and has approved more than \$3.3 million in benefits.
- The Small Business Administration (SBA) has received 1,929 applications to disaster victims and has administered nearly \$10.5 million in loans.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: FEMA has developed a web page with cleanup and recovery information. The page is located at: <http://www.fema.gov/reg-viii/floods.htm>

Situation Reports published by North Dakota Emergency Management are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is: <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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